

Tuesday, May 14, 1996

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4985–S5024

Measures Introduced: Four bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1754–1757, and S. Res. 254. **Page S5004**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: Reported on Monday, May 13, 1996, after the adjournment of the Senate:

S. Con. Res. 57, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002. (S. Rept. No. 104–271). **Page S5004**

White House Travel Office/Former Employees: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 2937, for the reimbursement of legal expenses and related fees incurred by former employees of the White House Travel Office with respect to the termination of their employment in that office on May 19, 1993, with the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

(1) Dole Amendment No. 3952, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S4990–93**

(2) Dole Amendment No. 3953 (to Amendment No. 3952), to provide for an effective date for the settlement of certain claims against the United States. **Pages S4990–93**

(3) Dole Amendment No. 3954 (to Amendment No. 3953), to provide for an effective date for the settlement of certain claims against the United States. **Pages S4990–93**

(4) Dole Motion to refer the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report back forthwith. **Pages S4990–93**

(5) Dole Amendment No. 3955 (to the instructions to the motion to refer), to provide for an effective date for the settlement of certain claims against the United States. **Pages S4990–93**

(6) Dole Amendment No. 3961 (to Amendment No. 3955), to provide for the repeal of the 4.3 cent increase in fuel tax rates enacted by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993. **Pages S4990–93**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate took the following action:

By 54 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 112), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to close further debate on Amendment No. 3961, listed above. **Page S4993**

Congressional Budget: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the consideration of S. Con. Res. 57, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, on Wednesday, May 15, 1996. **Page S5018**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report on the national emergency relative to nuclear, biological, and chemical weapons; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–143). **Page S5003**

Transmitting the report of one revised deferral of budgetary resources; which was referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986, to the Committee on Appropriations, to the Committee on the Budget, and to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM–144). **Page S5003**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Vice Admiral James M. Loy, U.S. Coast Guard, to be Chief of Staff, United States Coast Guard, with the grade of vice admiral while so serving.

Vice Admiral Richard D. Herr, U.S. Coast Guard, to be Vice Commandant, United States Coast Guard, with the grade of admiral while so serving.

Vice Admiral Kent H. Williams, U.S. Coast Guard, to be Commander, Atlantic Area, United States Coast Guard, with the grade of vice admiral while so serving.

Rear Admiral Roger T. Rufe, Jr., U.S. Coast Guard, to be Commander, Pacific Area, United States Coast Guard, with the grade of vice admiral while so serving.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard. **Page S5018**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force. **Pages S5023–24**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total–112) **Page S4993**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 5:58 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 15, 1996. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5018.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—NOAA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, receiving testimony from D. James Baker, Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for foreign assistance programs, focusing on narcotics budget and strategy issues, receiving testimony from Barry R. McCaffrey, Director, White House Office of National Drug Control Policy.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, May 16.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 444 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force.

Also, committee met to discuss certain provisions of proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for intelligence activities of the United States.

AUTHORIZATION—FAA/AIP

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legisla-

tion authorizing funds for the Federal Aviation Administration and the Airport Improvement Program, after receiving testimony from David R. Hinson, Administrator, Anthony Broderick, Associate Administrator for Certification and Regulation, Susan Kurland, Associate Administrator for Airports, and Ellis Ohnstad, Manager of Program Guidance Branch, Financial Assistance Division, all of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation; Mayor Timothy G. Rich, Aberdeen, South Dakota; Edward A. Merlis, Air Transport Association of America, David Plavin, Airports Council International North America, both of Washington, D.C.; Chip Barclay, American Association of Airport Executives, Alexandria, Virginia; and Leonard Griggs, Lambert-St. Louis International Airport, St. Louis, Missouri.

DOE LITIGATION COSTS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations concluded oversight hearings to review the management and costs of class action lawsuits at Department of Energy facilities, including DOE's oversight of private firm attorneys and DOE's compliance with court orders directing the Department to provide documents relevant to the litigation, focusing on Rocky Flats and Hanford litigation, after receiving testimony from Victor S. Rezendes, Director, Energy, Resources, and Sciences Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; and Robert R. Nordhaus, General Counsel, Marc Johnston, Deputy General Counsel for Litigation, and Lisa Schiavo-Blatt, Assistant General Counsel, all of the Department of Energy.

NOMINATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Hubert T. Bell, Jr., of Alabama, to be Inspector General, Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

GAMBLING IMPACT STUDY COMMISSION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute, S. 704, to authorize funds to establish the Gambling Impact Study Commission to study and report to the President and the Congress, all matters relating to the impact of gambling on States and possible alternative sources of State revenue.

FALSE STATEMENTS PENALTY RESTORATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held hearings on S. 1734, to prohibit false statements to Congress